(Qty. in '000 Tonnes)

| State | Oil year (nov .Oct) 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 esti-mated |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Kerala | 124 | 161 | 175 |
| 2. Tamil Nadu | 81 | 87 | 94 |
| 3. Karnataka | 36 | 39 | 42 |
| 4. Andhra Pradesh | 28 | 33 | 36 |
| 5. West Bengal | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 6. Orissa | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 7. Others | 14 | 14 | 15 |
| Total | 297 | 350 | 380 |

**Decline in Trade balance with Germany**

87. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the country's trade balance with Germany;

(b) if so, the reasons for decline in exports to Germany; and

(c) the steps taken to increase exports to Germany and to maintain a trade balance between the two countreis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps taken to increase exports to Germany and to maintain a trade balance between the two countries include diversification of exports to new products like processed foods, floriculture, toys, moulded baggage, stationery for children, thermoware and handicrafts; improvement of quality and price competitiveness of the existing products; and adoption of timely measures to meet new challenges in for German market.

**Import of Palmolein oil through STC**

88. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 5852 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th May, 1995 and state the expenditure likely to be incurred by Government for the import of palmolein oil through STC during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The Government had authorised STC to import a total quantity of 1.50 lakh Metric Tons of palmolein during 1995-96. STC has informed that the average per ton cost (CIF value) of Palmolein, on the basis of the actual contracts made by them for import of palmolein, would be US$656.5.

**Distribution of sub-standard sugar through fair prices shops in Gujarat**

89. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether sub-standard sugar has been distributed in the recent months through fair price shops in Gujarat in each District;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry to ascertain the facts; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No such instance has been brought to the notice of the Govememnt.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.